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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEW ON SRV MEMBERSHIP IN UN

1. COUNSELOR OF FRENCH EMBASSY JULIEN CALLED ON DEPTOFF (EA/VLC) SEPTEMBER 2 TO SAY HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM USG THAT GOF HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY VIETNAMESE TO SUPPORT SRV APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP AND HAD AGREED TO DO SO, AND THAT GOF URGED THE U.S. TO PERMIT VIETNAMESE ENTRY. HE STATED FRENCH VIEW THAT U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER THIS MATTER SEPARATE FROM BILATERAL US-VIETNAMESE ISSUES AND ALLOW SRV TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN UNGA IN RECOGNITION OF REALITY OF SRV'S EXISTENCE. HE NOTED UN MEMBERSHIP MIGHT ALSO HELP INFLUENCE VIETNAMESE BEHAVIOR TOWARD GREATER MODERATION VIS-A-VIS ITS NEIGHBORS AND ELSEWHERE IN INTERNATIONAL FIELD.

2. DEPTOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH VIEWS AND NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT YET INDICATED WHAT OUR POSITION ON SRV APPLICATION WILL BE WHEN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS IT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DEPTOFF SAID THAT THIS MAY WELL
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